

**Midterm
Exam**

Exercise 1 : (3,5 points)

In this exercise, we aim to show the existence of a non-integer real number x , such that :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

1. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^*$. Assume that $x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$. Using the following equality

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \left(x^{n+1} + \frac{1}{x^{n+1}} \right) \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) = \left(x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \right) + \left(x^{n+2} + \frac{1}{x^{n+2}} \right),$$

show that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have :

$$x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

2. (a) Show that there exists an integer $x \neq 0$ such that $x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- (b) Show that there exists a non-integer real number x , such that $x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$.

3. Conclude.

4. Does there exist a complex number x with non-zero imaginary part, such that $x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$?

Exercise 2 : (2,5 points)

Let the function

$$f_a : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad (x, y) \mapsto (ax - a^2y, y),$$

where a is a nonzero real parameter.

- Show that the function f_a is bijective. Determine its inverse.
- Find a condition on a and b such that :

$$f_a \circ f_b = f_b \circ f_a.$$

- Determine (without proof) the expression for $f_a^{(n)}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. (Recall that $f_a^{(n)} = \underbrace{f_a \circ f_a \circ \dots \circ f_a}_{n \text{ times}}$, for $n \geq 1$).

Exercise 3 : (5 points)

Let $n \geq 2$ be a natural number. We define :

$$U_n = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^* \mid z^n = 1\}.$$

1. Show that U_n is a subgroup of (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot) .
2. Let φ_n be the function defined by :

$$\varphi_n : U_n \rightarrow U_n, \quad z \mapsto \varphi_n(z) = z^2, \quad \forall z \in U_n.$$

Show that φ_n is a group endomorphism.

3. (a) Determine $\ker(\varphi_4)$. Is φ_4 injective ?

- (b) Determine $\ker(\varphi_5)$. Is φ_5 injective ?

Justify your answers.

Exercise 4 : (9 points)

We denote $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, where i is the complex number such that $i^2 = -1$.

1. Show that $(\mathbb{Z}[i], +, \cdot)$ is a subring of $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$.

2. Let $N : \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $z \mapsto z\bar{z}$; where $\bar{z} = a - ib$.

- (a) Justify that $N(\mathbb{Z}[i]) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$.

- (b) Show that $N(z \cdot z') = N(z) \cdot N(z')$, $\forall z, z' \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$.

3. Let $\mathbb{Z}[i]^*$, the set of units in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ whose inverse is also in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Alternatively written :

$$\mathbb{Z}[i]^* = \{z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] \mid \exists z' \in \mathbb{Z}[i], zz' = 1\}.$$

- (a) Show that $\mathbb{Z}[i]^* = \{z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] \mid N(z) = 1\}$.

- (b) Deduce all elements of $\mathbb{Z}[i]^*$.

4. We denote $\mathbb{Q}[i] = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$. The ring $(\mathbb{Q}[i], +, \cdot)$ is it a field ?

5. We say that z divides z' in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ if there exists $q \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ such that $z' = qz$. We denote this as $z \parallel z'$ (thus defining a reflexive and transitive relation on $\mathbb{Z}[i]$).

Remark : we always denote $m \mid n$ for the divisibility relation in \mathbb{Z} .

- (a) Let z, z' be two elements of \mathbb{Z} , hence of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Show that $z \mid z' \iff z \parallel z'$.

In other words, the divisibility relation in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ "extends" that of \mathbb{Z} .

- (b) Let z and z' be in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Show that $(z \parallel z' \text{ and } z' \parallel z) \iff \exists u \in \mathbb{Z}[i]^*, z' = uz$.

We express this situation by saying that z and z' are *associated* in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

Throughout the following, we denote $z \sim z'$ to indicate that z and z' are associated.

- (c) Show that the relation \sim is an equivalence relation on $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

We denote $cl(z)$ as the equivalence class of an element z of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

What is the cardinality of $cl(z)$? What does $cl(z)$ represent geometrically?